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Reply to Final Office Action

Reply to Final Office Action dated December 3, 2003 Attorney Docket No. 1217-011967

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.

10/003,367

Applicants

Tokio Shibazaki et al.

Filed

November 15, 2001

Title

CONTROLLER IN A BANDING PACKING MACHINE

Group Art Unit

3721

Examiner

Stephen F. Gerrity

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O.Box 1450 Alexandria,VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. The outstanding Action was mailed on December 3, 2004 and the period set for response was three months, bringing the response to be due on March 3, 2004. Therefore, a one-month extension of time will bring the response due on April 3, 2004, which falls on a Saturday, bringing the response due on April 5, 2004.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 5, 2004.

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A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee. A response to the outstanding Action is filed concurrently herewith.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. The original and two copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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